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In Brief

Help is at hand for Northamptonshire communities at risk of flooding

Areas of Northamptonshire at risk of flooding could secure preventative measures to help reduce the likelihood of surface water flooding through an initiative from Northamptonshire County Council.

The county council is inviting communities to submit applications explaining how the initiative could be of benefit to them.

The two-year project aims to help up to 30 communities, which can either be based in urban or rural settings.

Successful applicants would need to identify community members who can be flood wardens and someone who will be the main point of contact for their area.

Any community can apply, with the scheme aimed at geographical areas. These can be villages, residents' groups, industrial estates or a group of town centre businesses.

To apply go to the Flood Toolkit website www.floodtoolkit.com

The Wizard comes to Wellingborough

Join Wellingborough Musical Theatre Society this March as they present their production of The Wizard of Oz at The Castle Theatre.



The production will run from 10th-15th

March and will feature all the characters and songs beloved by generations.

Young Dorothy Gale of Kansas dreams of what lies over the rainbow. A cyclone hits the farm where she lives with her aunt and uncle, and Dorothy is accidentally struck on the head, causing her to fall unconscious. She and her dog Toto are carried away over the rainbow to another world, the land of Oz.

Join Dorothy, played by Polly Jones, The Scarecrow (Bradley Westley), The Tinman (Richard Llewelyn) and The Lion (Alan Galway) as they travel the universe of Dorothy's imagination.

There are unbelievable escapades in the haunted forest – meeting jumping Jitterbugs, poisonous poppies and flying monkeys on the way to The Emerald City.

After being encountered by the

Wicked Witch of the West – who wants the famous red slippers on Dorothy's feet – they outwit her, and she is vanquished.

Dorothy and Toto want to go home and is told The Wizard will help her. Eventually they get their wish and arrive home to Kansas safely.

Wellingborough Musical Theatre Society bring this popular story to new life, with all the songs you know – 'Over The Rainbow' 'Yellow Brick Road' and more.

Castle Theatre, Wellingborough Tuesday 10th to Sunday 15th March 2020, Tuesday evening 7pm (signed), Wednesday to Saturday evenings 7.30pm, Saturday & Sunday Matinees 2.30pm. Tickets from Box Office 01933 270007 or www.castletheatre.co.uk



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Don't sleep on it

OATS (Oundle Amateur Theatrical Society) have been putting on productions in Oundle since 1986. They have many successful pantomimes and shows behind them and a lot of young people whose parents were in the original productions back in the '80s and '90s are now taking part and have begun to show their abilities.

OATS are pleased to welcome a new Director this year, Tessa Wenn, who

has a lot of performing and directing experience, along with a local cast – some with many years' experience and some who are just starting out on their journey.

This year's production is the classic tale of Sleeping Beauty and takes place at the Victoria Hall in Oundle

from Wednesday 15th January until Saturday 18th January. Tickets are available online at oundlestival.org.uk or call 01832 274734.

Some of the previous years' shows have been sold out, so don't leave it too late to purchase your tickets.

Everyone involved is a volunteer and gives up a lot of time to make the pantomime such a success. OATS are always looking for more volunteers for this year and next year's productions – be it cast, crew or just a willing scenery painter. Please get in touch with the Director on 07384 396080.

Genealogy jottings

There is an oft repeated story that a message was sent on a battlefield saying, "Send reinforcements, we're going to advance." By the time that it had arrived at the end of the line, the message had turned into "Send three and fourpence, we're going to a dance"! This illustrates how stories can change in the telling. If you hear a family story from one member, try to find out if it is known by others. You might be able to discover different or additional details.

Recently, I bit the bullet and decided to find out about my great uncle Walter Goldsmith. I had been told that he fought in the Great War, but suffered injuries that affected his mind. This caused a rift in the family so Walter upped sticks from Surrey, moved to Blackpool and changed his name to Smith – never to be seen again. That was all I needed – another Smith in the family! After a bit of digging around, I discovered Walter's Army record. He signed up on 29th February 1916 – but was discharged on 19th May, less than three months later, as it was discovered that he had epilepsy. This was a far cry from what I had been told.

By Jan Pearson
Genealogy Specialists, Tracing Our Past, Discovering Our Genes (TOP DOG)
www.genealogy-specialists.com

However, he did disappear after this. As I knew his date of birth, I was able to search for Walter in the 1939 Register and found him with the surname of Goldsmith, not Smith, and with a wife named Sarah. Aha! I was now on the hunt for a marriage. There should have been one between 1916 and 1939 but no way could I find it.

Looking at directories of the time, there was a guest house at the address for 1939 run by a Mrs Smith. Could this be Sarah? To cut a long story short, a member of my family history forum found a marriage between a Walter G Smith and a Sarah A Ralph in Fylde, near Blackpool. I ordered the certificate and discovered that yes, it was the correct couple. So, the part about Walter moving to Blackpool and changing his name to Smith was correct but not the story about his WW1 service. Don't you just love family stories?

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Editor's notes

It's just three weeks since the winter solstice and already the days seem to be getting longer! This is of course most noticeable when the weather is brighter, letting our thoughts turn to spring and the prospect of bright new growth in our gardens and hedgerows; primroses are already blooming and soon it will be the turn of the snowdrops which always seem to mark the advent of better weather.

The longer days only partially resolve a problem which seems more prevalent lately, at least if you read the letter pages of the national newspapers: that is the glare from car headlamps which dazzles oncoming drivers. Doubtless, this problem is experienced more by older drivers who perhaps anyway have minor problems with their sight and certainly there are laws about the positioning and the intensity of car headlamps. Of course, that doesn't prevent drivers loading the rear of their vehicles so that the lights pitch up, even when dipped, or being slow to dip their lights when another car approaches. There must also be some doubt about the efficacy of modern automatic dipping systems, which don't seem to work sufficiently quickly.

One more problem related to driving is the misuse of 'Baby on Board' signs. These were introduced in an attempt to encourage other drivers to be more careful around cars carrying small children and as

a means of alerting the emergency services to the presence of a child in the event of an accident. However, they are now being blamed for obstructing drivers' views and thus causing accidents. It must also be a worry for the emergency services that parents don't take the signs out of their cars when the child is not present, needlessly risking endangering the lives of fire fighters, ambulance crews and the police.

As reported in this edition, it's good to see the efforts being made, at least in Higham Ferrers, to combat the ongoing litter problem, not just picking up the rubbish people drop but educating children about the need to keep our towns litter-free. Similarly, the large fine imposed on a man from Rushden sends the right signal to other would-be fly-tippers. We shouldn't forget that there is a degree of responsibility on anyone generating rubbish to ensure that it is properly disposed of.

Ending on another positive note, there is money to be had for local community projects from the East Northamptonshire Council's Community Facilities Fund, which was opened again in December. So, if you have a project in need of up to £10k which would benefit the local community go to www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/CFF or call Lucy Hawes on 01832 742268 but don't delay because the closing date is 14th February.

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Town Council's New Year campaign launched – 'Keep Higham Ferrers Tidy'

The first day of January saw the launch of the Town Council's campaign 'Keep Higham Ferrers Tidy'. The Town Council is running the campaign to increase awareness and promote a change in attitude towards waste. You can join the campaign by sharing the Town Council's Facebook posts and by spreading the word that residents want a clean and tidy town – one that everyone can be proud of.

A poster competition was run in the autumn involving the Higham Ferrers Infant and Nursery School, the Junior School and Henry Chichele Primary School. Pupils were asked to design posters around the theme 'Keep Higham Ferrers Tidy'. The winning and runner-up posters will be displayed around the town, aimed at encouraging residents and visitors to be proud of its appearance – to keep the streets, parks and play areas free of litter, to use the bins provided or take waste home.

The Mayor of Higham Ferrers, Councillor Chris O'Rourke, said: "It is wonderful the schools have engaged with our project and the children of the town are helping us. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the schools to award the prizes to the competition winners and to meet the children and share our campaign message."

In addition to the posters displayed around the town, the Town Council wish to celebrate the work and achievement of every pupil who

designed a poster and give them a chance to view their entry online, and so, from 1st January, starting with the Year 2 Infants at Henry Chichele Primary School, they have been posting a different design on the Town Council Facebook page. Facebook.com/highamferrerstc Henry Chichele will be followed by the poster entries from the Junior School and then the Infant School.

Also on Facebook you can hear Christian Parker, of the Junior School, deliver his campaign poem. Congratulations to Christian for a wonderfully crafted and insightful poem to help stop litter in the town and congratulations to all the children who submitted posters.

Now let's spread the word... 'Keep Higham Ferrers Tidy'.

The Litter by Christian Parker

*Litter is a problem
That people have today
The fish in our sea
Are going straight away
The water that we drink
The food that we eat
Our town is losing love
And is seeing a defeat
So Higham needs to step up
And stop litter in a flash
So we can use all the bins
And stop all the trash.*



Further information can be found at www.highamferrers-tc.gov.uk or by calling Higham Ferrers Town Council 01933 312075.

Volunteers needed for the Carers Sitting Service in East Northamptonshire

How about doing something different in 2020? The Carers Sitting Service provides support by giving a break to those who have a caring responsibility.

Volunteers make a regular befriending visit to someone's own home to provide them with some different company and a friendly face.

The service is part of Northamptonshire Carers, a local registered charity.

With 70,000 unpaid carers in the county, by volunteering for a few hours you will be making a real difference to someone in your community. Carers have said of the service that it is much needed, appreciated and gives them time for themselves.

Interested in joining? To find out more contact Emma Foster or Adam Wilson on 01933 677837 or email sittingservice@northamptonshire-carers.org

northamptonshire-carers.org. You can also download an application form at <https://www.northamptonshire-carers.org/Pages/Category/volunteering>

Whilst the service is particularly seeking volunteers in East Northamptonshire at this time, they would also be interested to hear from anyone who is in another part of the county.

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Spotlight on

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Higham Eye Care

Higham Eye Care is the independent optician for Higham Ferrers and the surrounding area and has welcomed all previous ICare patients following its closure in 2019.

Tricia explains that "regular eye examinations are advised not only to ensure that you have the best vision possible but to check both eye and general health. The blood vessels on the retina inside the eye are the only ones in the whole body that can be observed working in situ and so can provide important information about your general health. We can help in the early detection of blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes and thyroid problems."

Hannah says that she is "finding an enhanced eye examination using a 3D OCT has helped find many eye conditions that would have previously gone undetected."

OCT (Optical Coherence Tomography) is a completely painless and highly advanced eye scan for people of all ages. It is similar to ultrasound using light rather than sound waves to image the different layers that make up the structure at the front and the back of your eye. Common, potentially serious conditions that the OCT can identify are Age Related Macular Degeneration, Diabetes and Glaucoma.

For more information on OCT contact Higham Eye Care.

Get those knees up!

So many things can go wrong with knees, and for so many different reasons. This means that one person's experience of knee pain will be completely different to another's.

Jo Jones, who used to run Rushden Osteopathic Clinic says, "Your best friend's son might have torn a cartilage playing football, while you have osteoarthritis in the knees and your neighbour has just had a knee replacement. All of them will be causing pain, but if you ask one of the others for advice they won't have appropriate information for your problem. And if you look online Dr Google can't assess you or make a treatment plan for you!"

Rushden Osteopathic Clinic is now part of The Ashgrove Clinic in Higham Ferrers, where you can have a free 20-minute consultation which will give you time to talk about your pain and explain the problem. The injuries and rehab team can then help you work out what help you need or whether you should have investigations carried out.

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- What do I have to tell the tax man?
- What expenses can I claim?
- I have more than one property, what is the best way to manage these in terms of ownership? Should I consider using a limited company and what would be the benefit?
- What is the best way to record my incomings and outgoings, what do I need

to keep a record of?

- I want to buy a holiday home to let it out, is this different to a traditional "buy-to-let"?
- My children are heading off to university and I am thinking of investing in a student let, what do I need to be aware of?
- What is the HMRC let property campaign, am I at risk?
- It's time to sell my rental property, how much tax do I have to pay and are there any reliefs available? (April 2020 will see changes in the way that Capital Gains Tax is administered which may affect the timing of any decision to sell.)



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Rushden Golf Club

Looking for somewhere new for Sunday lunch? For great value why not give Rushden Golf Club a try?

Their 2020 dates are:

- 19th January
- 2nd & 16th February
- 1st & 15th March
- 22nd March (Mother's Day)
- 12th April

(Easter Sunday)

- 26th April
 - 10th and 24th May
 - 7th and 21st June (Father's Day)
 - 2nd, 16th and 30th August
 - 13th and 27th September
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 - 8th and 22nd November
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Notice of planning applications received

Notice is given that the following applications have been received together with the last date for making representations:

Significant applications

All "significant" applications are highlighted in green. These are defined in the 2006 Statement of Community Involvement as those for:

- 100 dwellings and over
- residential development of 3ha or over if number of dwellings not known
- 1000 square metres of floor space or over
- commercial/industrial development of 1ha or over if floor area not known
- would, in the council's opinion, alter the overall character of the locality by means of scale, use or visual appearance
- would, in the council's opinion, be sensitive due to substantial demolition in a conservation area
- would, in the council's opinion, be sensitive due to development next to a listed building

For more information on "significant" planning applications, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/dcnofication

Deene

19/01936/ADV (25 January 2020) (Info)
Installation of a Village Hall sign at The Village Hall NN17 3EJ

Fotheringhay

19/01867/FUL (LB/CA) (1 February 2020)
Replacement of 3x single glazed softwood windows with double glazed softwood windows - one on east facing gable end wall (bedroom), one west facing gable end wall (bedroom) and one 1st floor bathroom at rear of the building. Installation of secondary glazing - 10x windows to front elevation (existing windows are original individual leaded planes and iron framed). 1x window on west facing gable wall on the ground floor at The Thatched Cottage Main Street Fotheringhay PE8 5HZ

19/01868/LBC (1 February 2020) (LBRegs)

Replacement of 3x single glazed softwood windows with double glazed softwood windows - one on east facing gable end wall (bedroom), one west facing gable end wall (bedroom) and one 1st floor bathroom at rear of the building. Installation of secondary glazing - 10x windows

to front elevation (existing windows are original individual leaded planes and iron framed). 1x window on west facing gable wall on the ground floor at The Thatched Cottage Main Street Fotheringhay PE8 5HZ

Irthlingborough

19/01935/FUL (Info) (25 January 2020)
1 no. 3-bedroom dwelling including parking and amenity space at 28 College Street Irthlingborough Wellingborough NN9 5TX

Islip

19/01957/FUL (1 February 2020) (LB/CA)
Construction of new dwelling, alteration of driveway serving multiple dwellings and provision of additional parking at 4 The Green Islip NN14 3JR

Kings Cliffe

19/01991/FUL (LB/CA) (1 February 2020)
To erect 1 metre high post and rail fence to front boundary and installation of gate at 41 West Street Kings Cliffe Peterborough PE8 6XB

Nassington

19/01973/FUL (LB/CA) (1 February 2020)
Single storey rear extension to utility and kitchen; Replacement windows throughout; Replacement wood burner with new exposed flue and replacement gates at Fulbrook Farm Church Street Nassington PE8 6QG

Oundle

19/01990/FUL (Info) (25 January 2020)
Two storey extension with wood burner and external flue to the rear of the house at 11 Seymour Place Peterborough Oundle PE8 4QB

19/01950/FUL (Info) (25 January 2020)

Construction of a two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension; Remodel and increase height of existing porch feature; Removal of chimney stack; Replacement of existing windows; Rendered finish to existing and proposed elevations; New roof covering to existing dwelling at 7 Cotterstock Road Oundle Peterborough PE8 4PN

Raunds

19/01986/FUL (Info) (25 January 2020)
Erection of a detached single storey dwelling with associated access to highway (resubmission of 19/01632/FUL) at 42 London Road Raunds NN9 6EJ

Rushden

19/01945/FUL (Info) (25 January 2019)
Erection of single storey 1-bedroom dwelling including access, parking and amenity space: New access and parking to existing property at 155 Hall Avenue Rushden NN10 9EU

19/00326/FUL (Info) (25 January 2020)

Dropped kerb at 145 Irchester Road Rushden NN10 9QX

19/01955/ADV (1 February 2020) (LB/CA)

Marketing board in relation to disposal of disused church (resubmission of 19/00578/ADV) at Independent Wesleyan Church High Street Rushden NN10 0PJ

19/01951/LBC (1 February 2020) (LBRegs)

Replacement of rear external door and additional roof light at 4 Market Square Higham Ferrers Rushden NN10 8BP

19/01764/FUL (LB/CA) (1 February 2020)

Retrospective change of use from light industrial (B1) to car sales (sui generis) with no external changes at 24 Park Road Rushden NN10 0RW

19/01969/FUL (Info) (25 January 2020)

Change of use from A1 (retail) to sui generis (tattoo and piercing). No structural changes at 169 Grangeway Rushden NN10 9JE

19/01977/REM (Part3) (1 February 2020)

Consent for all matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale), save access is sought. Access arrangements were approved pursuant to outline planning approval (Ref. 18/02433/OUT) at Proposed Office Site Adjacent A6 Roundabout John Clark Way Rushden

Stanwick

19/01939/FUL (Info) (25 January 2020)

First floor extension over garage and adjoining two storey side extension (Re-submission of 19/01294/FUL) at 5 Manor Gardens Stanwick Wellingborough NN9 6PL

Tansor

19/01937/FUL (Info) (25 January 2020)

First floor extension to existing bungalow at The Fieldings Main Street Tansor PE8 5HS

Wadenhoe

19/01954/LBC (LBRegs) (1 February 2020)

Works to reinstate curtilage listed original wall at The Millers House Mill Lane PE8 5XD

19/01953/FUL (LB/CA) (1 February 2020)

Reinstate original wall at The Millers House Mill Lane Wadenhoe PE8 5XD

Woodford

19/01971/FUL (LB/CA) (1 February 2020)

Change of use including internal alterations to First Floor Workshop (B1) to Residential Flat (C3); Proposed front roof extension at 8 Pound Lane Woodford NN14 4ES

Yarwell 19/01905/FUL (Part3) (1 February 2020)

Construction of new maintenance and storage building to serve an existing caravan park at Yarwell Mill Mill Road Yarwell PE8 6PS

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:

Part3 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015.

Part16 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015.

Info - Non-statutory - included for information only. LB/CA - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990.

LBRegs - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.

Significant applications are highlighted in green.

Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services
Dated 11 January 2020

Consultation deadlines will differ for each application. Please go to www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications for details.

Boaters dig deep for public access defib



Kind-hearted boaters at White Mills Marina have helped to raise enough money in just nine months to buy a public access life saving defibrillator.

And the great news is that the new life saving device has not only been installed but it is now available to everyone visiting the River Nene and Nene Valley at Earls Barton from boaters, walkers, cyclists and kayakers through to runners and footballers using the playing fields opposite the marina. Sited at the entrance of White Mills Marina at 344 Grendon Road, Earls Barton, Northamptonshire NN6 0RB the new defibrillator is accessible 24/7.

Commenting on the new defib, Operations Manager for White Mills Marina, Gary Butcher (pictured) said: "We have been absolutely overwhelmed by people's generosity. To achieve our fundraising target in just nine months is terrific news. Of course the defib is not just for the benefit of our boaters but for the wider community too which is really important to us. We

are really thrilled, so thank you to everyone."

Last year, White Mills Marina was awarded four gold anchors by The Yacht Harbour Association, and is totally committed to providing first-class facilities and services for every visitor including boaters and campers as well as customers to the marina's award winning café, the Boathouse.

Defib training sessions are to be arranged over the next few weeks, and anyone interested in joining in should contact Gary Butcher at White Mills Marina on 01604 812057.

Nene Valley Astronomical Society – 10th Anniversary Year

The Nene Valley Astronomical Society was started in April 2009 by Steve Williams, in order to provide an astronomy club for people living in the area. In 2020 the Society will continue to welcome guest speakers and host other informative astro events for all.

Steve set up the Society with the aim to enable members to learn about the 'Night Sky' and to have opportunities to observe the cosmos. The first meeting was held in Wellingborough before moving to the present location at Chelveston Village. The society owns two telescopes that can be used by members for observing.

The society now has over 50 members and usually welcomes a visiting speaker on the third Monday of the month, and hosts a Club Night on the first. Despite many of the visiting speakers being university professors, talks are kept

at a level that the layperson can understand. In February the topic of discussion will be Near Earth Asteroids and the potential for, and possible consequences of, a collision.

As part of the Society's outreach, members took their own and the club's telescopes to Stanwick Lakes in support of the BBC Sky at Night Stargazing Live events. These events were so popular that on one evening the queue for car parking caused congestion on the A45. There is clearly an appetite for astronomy in the Nene Valley.

Steve is still fully engaged with the club. He produces a monthly

newsletter, and on Club Nights gives a short presentation on what to observe that month, usually supplemented by some of his own astro photographs.

In keeping with Steve's initial aim, to mark its 10th year, the Society is holding an Open Night on Monday 20th January. This evening will be especially suitable for those new to astronomy. If the weather is clear there will be an opportunity for observing. Steve will be giving a talk on the 'Winter Night Sky'.

Admission will be £3, including a hot drink and biscuits. If the weather is not kind, a display of telescopes and details of useful websites will be available inside, as well as Steve's talk.

Website: neneastro.org.uk
Twitter: @neneastro
Facebook: Nene Valley Astronomical Society

Change 4 Life garden

Oundle CE Primary School have completed construction of their ground-breaking Change 4 Life garden.

Within this setting, there is now an area for each class from Year 2 to Year 6 to have the opportunity to do some gardening. The aim is to grow plants and vegetables throughout the year.

"This links nicely to some topics that they will be covering but will also allow children to become more active throughout the school day," said teacher Michael Ncyka. "We are indebted to a number of organisations without whom this project couldn't have been completed."

Within the garden, there is also a 'Pocket Nature Reserve' where it is hoped that wildlife will settle. Frogs have already settled within the pond

area. The pupils will have opportunities to read quietly and have a calm time in the garden during playtime to relax their body and mind.

James Gilbert (pictured) from Lacewing Garden Designs was commissioned to do all the main body of the work. He also donated a bee box and butterfly box.



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Style it up in Southport, departs: 23rd March 2020, 5 Days, £474.00 per person

Southport lies on the Irish Sea coast. The town contains examples of Victorian architecture and town planning, on Lord Street and elsewhere. A particular feature of the town is the extensive tree planting. In the late 18th century, it was becoming fashionable for the well-to-do to relinquish inland spa towns and visit the seaside to bathe in the salt sea waters.

A Victorian Steam Journey - All Inclusive, departs: 6th April 2020, 5 Days, £499.00 per person

Drymen is an attractive village located in the beautiful Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. The lovely village boasts spectacular views of Dumgoyne to the east and is just a short way from Loch Lomond to the west. Excursions include a Cruise on Loch Katrine, lunch at loch side restaurant, a ride on the Falkirk Wheel, steam train with afternoon cream tea and afternoon tea dance in Loch Lomond.

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Higham Ferrers 2019 Christmas competitions

The annual Best Dressed Shop Window

The annual Best Dressed Shop Window competition is one of many festive events organised by Higham Ferrers Town Council in the lead-up to Christmas. The competition helps to promote the town and encourages local shops and businesses to not only participate in the friendly competition but also to create beautiful festive window displays for all to see and enjoy. The competition has two categories: the People's Choice Award and the Mayor's Choice Award.

The People's Choice Award for the second year running was awarded to the fabulous window display by Willow & Grey of Higham and the Mayor's Choice Award

chosen for its creative design was provided by BMW Home Improvements Ltd.

The Mayor of Higham Ferrers, Cllr Chris O'Rourke presented the prizes to the winners at the Christmas Farmers' Market on Saturday 21st December.

Thanks are given to the following local retailers that took part in the 2019 Higham Ferrers Best Dressed Shop Window competition.

- J&P Fresh Fruit and Veg
- Savour the Flavour Cafe
- Coffee Barne Ltd
- B E White Curtains & Blinds
- John Lee Motorcycles
- Millers Yarns and Crafts
- Sidey Design Architecture
- The Daisy Chain
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- Mark Bird Flooring
- Charles Orlebar Estate Agents

The Higham Ferrers Victorian Toy Trail

The Victorian Toy Trail, introduced as a fun way for children and their families to explore and get to know local shops and businesses in Higham Ferrers, was all about seeking out up to 40 Victorian toy images displayed throughout the town.

Congratulations to all of the lucky winners: Esme and family, Elodie and Ethan who were presented with certificates and prizes at the Higham Ferrers Christmas Market.

Thanks are given to the Higham Ferrers Nursery and Infant School, Higham Ferrers Junior School, Henry Chichele Primary School and the visitor centre at Rushden Lakes for hosting the post boxes.



Wildlife News

You may not have noticed yet, but the days are just starting to get a little longer. Sunset times are coming slightly later, though the sunrise times change a few days later. Now we can hopefully look forward to the soil drying out after what seemed to be a continually rainy autumn when even many plants were starting to suffer from waterlogging.

But poor weather does not mean that the local wildlife has gone, and in the dark hours one night we heard a call which had not been heard for some time, though not the fault of the poor weather. It was a sound used by film producers and directors to remind us that the dark screen is intended, not a transmission break. The fox is often chosen, but this time we were listening to the hooting of a tawny owl.

Why do those sounds so easily remind us of night? The simplest answer is probably best – they are often tucked up in bed during the day, waiting for the time to find the next meal. That is not always reliable; foxes out in broad daylight are increasingly common now they are much

more used to the noise and bustle of urban life and the life-saving art of traffic-dodging, while we humans conveniently put out food (unwanted delicacies in waste disposal bins) at all times, night or day.

Tawny owls are less affected by our lifestyle and are more likely to be found, and heard, in rural areas, where they can find the small mammals like voles and mice, or even rats. Another hindrance for owls is the danger of collision with vehicle traffic. Even in more open countryside with less likelihood of an accident, the continual passage of headlights can make their eyes less responsive. (Remember they are looking for a mouse in the dark perhaps 50 yards away – try it for yourself sometime!)

It may seem silly to add noise to the disturbance, but those hooting calls tell each other where they are. Which one does the calling is a topic for the experts – for us the important point is they are still there, whether on the reserves or elsewhere.

By Roy Burrell

The 2020 OWL Talks

Sustainability experts put lower carbon, environmentally considerate living centre stage. The hugely popular OWL talks, which aim to inform and encourage debate about current environmental topics, continue in 2020, headlined by presentations by Guardian journalist and BBC reporter Lucy Siegle about responsible fashion and about the internationally successful growing project Incredible Edible Todmorden by its founder Mary Clear. Technological developments in the energy sector, carbon offsetting and decluttering, and a screening and discussion with one of the world's leading experts on the Circular Economy also feature in the programme.

The 2020 series begins on Thursday 6th February with 'Net-zero carbon by 2050? Energy initiatives to keep UK on target', when Nicole Gilbert, Head of Marketing at Kiwi Power, will describe some of the clever large scale technological developments which are transforming how the UK's energy is stored and supplied, and Warren Pope, Energy Manager at Save Money Cut Carbon, will advise what can be



done at a household and community level to ensure that the UK meets its target of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Spring (cleaning) will be in the air on Thursday 5th March when professional declutterer and home organiser Conchetta Laquintana will talk about De-cluttering, a modern cure for a modern 'illness'. If you think you have too much stuff in your life and want to learn how shedding some of it could improve your well-being as well as benefitting the environment, come and learn the truth of the saying 'less is more'.

Guardian journalist and BBC presenter Lucy Siegle

asks you to join The Era Of The Generous Wardrobe on Wednesday 25th March. Lucy is a consumer expert who is determined to bring ethical living into everyday lives. In particular, she is constantly pushing for a green, clean fashion culture. Following on from her book, her documentary The True Cost and her #30wears rule, she now invites you to experience The Generous Wardrobe, a system of dressing and self-expression based on earth logic, innovation, regenerative fibres and above all, generosity of spirit. It is time, she says, to put fast fashion in the bin and rescue our fashion souls. Are you ready?

The Lucy Siegle event will be held in the Oundle School Great Hall on New Street, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 for adults, £5 for U19, available from the Oundle Box Office (details below). Audience members are invited to wear (or bring) a piece of clothing they love and share the story of its longevity.

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Thrapston Plaza Opera celebrates 10th annual production

Thrapston Plaza Opera was founded by Vincent Davy in 2010 with its first production being a performance of Bizet's Carmen in February 2011.

The aim has been to present good quality productions involving the local community. Soloists sometimes come from further afield but most of the chorus are locally based. Children are also recruited from local schools to take part when required. All operas are sung in English accompanied by an orchestra of experienced players.

Operas are staged in The Thrapston Plaza and hope to offer audiences a chance to experience grand opera locally at affordable prices!

Annual productions have included:

- Carmen – Bizet
- The Bartered Bride – Smetana
- Aida – Verdi
- Die Fledermaus – Strauss
- Madame Butterfly – Puccini
- La Vie Parisienne – Offenbach

- Eugene Onegin – Tchaikovsky
 - La Traviata – Verdi
 - The Daughter of the Regiment – Donizetti
- For the Tenth Anniversary Production, Thrapston Plaza Opera will again be staging Carmen in the Plaza on 18th, 19th, 21st and 22nd February 2020.

Principal roles were cast at auditions held last June and rehearsals have been in full swing now since mid-September.

Anyone wishing to be involved, helping backstage or front of house, is invited to get in touch.

Meanwhile, tickets £15 adult (£12 before 1st Feb), £6 child are now available from the Box Office – see website for details.

For any further information please contact Vincent Davy, Music Director on 01832 733586, Email: thrapstonplazaopera@gmail.com, Website: www.thrapstonplazaopera.com. Like and follow on Facebook

Sophie Hannah: Haven't They Grown

Friday 24th January at 7.45pm – 8.45pm,
St Peter's Church, North Street, Oundle

Sophie Hannah is an internationally bestselling crime fiction writer, translated into 49 languages and published in 51 countries. Her gripping new thriller, Haven't They Grown, will be published on 23rd January 2020. Be amongst the first to hear about it from the author herself!

Twelve years ago, Thomas and Emily were five and three years old. Today, they don't look a day older.

Why haven't they grown?

Hannah's psychological thriller *The Carrier* won the Specsavers National Book Award for Crime Thriller of the Year in 2013. In 2014, with the blessing of Agatha Christie's family and estate, Hannah published a new Poirot novel, *The Monogram Murders*, which was a bestseller in more than 15 countries. She has since published two more Poirot novels, *Closed Casket* and *The Mystery of Three Quarters*, both of which were instant Sunday Times Top Ten bestsellers. Two of her other books, *The Point of Rescue* and *The Other Half Lives*, have been adapted for television as *Case Sensitive*, starring Olivia Williams and Darren Boyd. Hannah is also a bestselling poet who has been shortlisted for the TS Eliot award. Her poetry is studied at GCSE and A-level.

Hannah has recently helped to create a Master's Degree in Crime and Thriller Writing at the University of Cambridge, for which she is the main teacher and Course Director. She is also the founder of the Dream Author coaching programme for writers. She is an Honorary Fellow of Lucy Cavendish College.

'A leading writer of psychological

suspense... her books are so distinctive that they deserve to be placed in a separate sub-genre of their own.'
Spectator.



Tickets £8 (£6), £1 off early bird tickets bought before 17th January, available from the Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle. Open hours: 10am-1pm Mon to Fri: Tel 01832 274734, online at www.oundlefestival.org.uk. Any queries email oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk

Your Health - Is it all in your head?

The presence of pain often means that something is wrong. Does that sound obvious? Well, the thing is that sometimes the presence of pain doesn't mean something is wrong, it means the body is over-reacting. That's not to say that you're imagining the pain, it's just that for some reason it continues even when the injury has healed.

This over-reaction to pain is pretty common, but it's not very helpful. In fact, as designs go, I'd rate it up there with the lawnmower for lack of usefulness.

Having pain makes sense, but the brain over-reacting to pain can cause anxiety and fear, particularly about moving or exercising. Which, ironically, can slow your recovery.

So, what can you do when this sort of pain takes over? The Chartered Physiotherapist

in Higham who specialises in chronic pain tells me there are very specific exercises that can help reprogramme the body so it stops over-reacting. Appropriate exercises can also help you overcome that fear that the area is going to hurt if you do too much. Over the next few weeks I'm going to talk about this more, but in the meantime, while the grass isn't growing, perhaps I should see if exercises can help improve relationships with lawnmowers.

Have a pain-free week.

Claire

Claire Short is a Registered Osteopath, and runs The Ashgrove Clinic in Higham Ferrers. Send your questions to claire@ashgrovehealth.co.uk or Tweet to @AshgroveClinic

East Northamptonshire Council officer is the first inspector in England to receive leading qualification

Licensing Compliance Officer at East Northamptonshire Council, Emma Matthews, has been awarded the animal establishment inspector training certificate by the Pet Industry Federation (PIF).

Building on the knowledge and training Emma obtained after successfully passing her initial exam with 93%, she completed a five-day course at Heathrow Animal Reception Centre in March 2019 and received the accreditation in September.

The new Licensing of Activities Involving Animals regulations (AAL), which came into force on 1st October 2018, requires those carrying out inspections to be appropriately trained.

Emma joined the enforcement team in April 2018 and became the first officer to obtain this qualification. Until October 2021, officers with more than 12 months' experience of inspecting animal premises can continue effectively with Grandfather Rights.

On passing her course, Emma commented: "I have loved every minute of this training – the five days at Heathrow Animal Reception Centre gave me a wealth of knowledge, and I have learnt so much through my own personal

development, and considered things in my animal licensing work that I hadn't considered before.

"The more licensing officers who achieve the certificate can only be positive as it directly benefits the standardisation of the regulations across the country, thereby instilling more confidence in licensed businesses."

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Cllr Steven North added: "Following the changes in legislation in October 2018, it is important that East Northamptonshire Council ensures we continue to upskill our officers so that they hold the relevant qualifications.

"Emma worked really hard to achieve this qualification and we are all proud of her for being the first inspector in the country to be awarded the certificate."

Further details about the Professional Programme in Inspecting Licensable Activities Involving Animals course and qualification, including course dates and registration, can be found in the Education section of the Pet Industry Federation website: www.petfederation.co.uk; by calling 01234 273933, or emailing education@petfederation.co.uk

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Hefty fine for Rushden fly-tipper

A Rushden resident has been fined more than £3,000 for dumping waste on private land in Wellingborough, following a successful prosecution by the Borough Council of Wellingborough and its partners, Wellingborough Norse.

A vehicle belonging to Mr Darren Edwards was caught on CCTV arriving at allotments off Finedon Road, Wellingborough carrying a load of building waste and leaving empty.

Wellingborough Norse investigated the matter, interviewing Edwards who claimed that a colleague dumped the waste using his vehicle. Following further investigation of the former colleague this proved inconclusive.

As registered keeper of the vehicle Edwards was prosecuted under section 33 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Failing to attend a court hearing on 3rd September a warrant without bail was issued.

Edwards surrendered to the warrant and claimed that he hadn't received the summons at his new address. Edwards was re-bailed to attend court on 16th December and he pleaded guilty to the offences of fly-tipping and was issued with a fine of £1,354 plus £1,700 costs and a £135 victim surcharge.

The Leader of the Borough Council of



Wellingborough, Cllr Martin Griffiths, said: "This is an example of blatant disregard from someone who did not wish to dispose of their trade waste at a licensed disposal site, and dumped this at an allotment.

"Where we find evidence we will prosecute those responsible for fly-tipping. We would like to thank all residents and businesses who help us to reduce waste in our borough and dispose of their rubbish appropriately.

"We are fortunate to live in a borough that has beautiful countryside and large areas of open space. We will not tolerate this despicable crime."

To report fly-tipping to the Borough Council of Wellingborough please visit: www.wellingborough.gov.uk/flytipping

Council scheme to fund more community projects

Community groups across the district are once again being invited to apply for funding towards delivering their projects following the launch of East Northamptonshire Council's (ENC) Community Facilities Fund (CFF), for the eighth year, in December.

First introduced in 2013 and with over £2 million worth of projects supported so far, the fund supports the development of public facilities throughout the district and is funded by money received from central Government through the 'New Homes Bonus' as new homes are created in the district.

Each year, the council supports as many community projects as possible, and the fund is for capital work, such as building and construction costs, refurbishment works, large items of equipment etc.

Community groups can apply for up to £10,000 with no requirement for match funding. Previous projects which have been awarded include Stanwick Community Gardens who were awarded £6,876 for a new summerhouse and thanks to £3,000 from the fund, Thrapston Plaza now has new audio visual equipment and is able to put on

more events.

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council said: "Thanks to the funding we receive from central Government through the 'New Homes Bonus', we are proud to support local community projects and look forward to receive lots of applications for the next phase of the scheme.

"Over the past eight years, we always have a wide variety of groups apply and would urge anyone who is considering a project to apply to help us make East Northamptonshire a better place to live."

Community groups who can apply include voluntary organisations and charities, as well as town and parish councils, who can submit one application for a grant of up to £10,000. For full details about the process and eligibility, please visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/CFF

The deadline for submissions is Friday 14th February at 5pm, and those interested in applying should call Lucy Hawes on 01832 742268 or email communitydevelopment@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk before Friday 31st January to discuss their application.

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 shares his passion for the British B
 Film and reminds us all about
 going to the pictures in the 50s and
 60s.

Ladies Keep Fit
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 9am-10am, 50p per morning. A fun
 time of exercise to music with an
 enthusiastic bunch of ladies.

ALPHA
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 7pm-9pm. ALPHA is an 11-week
 opportunity to explore the Christian
 faith in a fun, friendly and
 non-judgmental environment.
 Week 1: Is there more to life than
 this?

Tuesday 14th January
Coffee Morning
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 10am-12noon. Friendly time for all
 to meet, chat, and share tea, coffee
 and cake.

Wednesday 15th January
dOCs+ Children of the
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Thursday 16th January
Higham & Rushden U3A
 Wesleyan Chapel, Rushden
 (Queen St entrance)
 1.30pm, visitors welcome (£3
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Colours in White Light and Snow
with Jane Sanders
 Tansor Village Hall
 1.45pm-3.45pm, members £4,
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 or watercolour to discover the
 many colours in white.

RSPB Mid-Nene Local Group
Indoor Meeting
 Saxon Hall, Raunds
 7.30pm, admission £3 including tea
 or coffee. Children free. Penny
 01933 350404. There will be an
 illustrated talk on The Great Fen
 Project by Henry Stanier. Meeting is
 open to everyone.

Tiddlers Group for 0-3
year olds
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 9.30am-11am
 Friendly and welcoming with lots of
 toys and play equipment for the
 little ones to enjoy. £1 per carer –
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Friday 17th January
Fusion for 7-11 year olds
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 6.30pm-8pm. Lively and fun group
 with games, songs and bible-
 based illustrations.

Oundle Wildlife Trust
Group Talk
 Methodist Church,
 Drummingwell Lane, Oundle
 7.30pm, members free, non-
 members £2. Keith Alvey 01832
 272666. Helena Darragh will be
 talking about her job as Nene
 Valley Land Adviser to the Wildlife
 Trust.

Rushden & District History
Society
 South End Junior School,
 Wymington Road, Rushden
 NN10 9JU
 7.30pm, members £1.50,
 non-members £2.50, 01933
 358218. A film shown by
 Northamptonshire Film Archive
 Trust.

Sunday 19th January
Morning Service
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 10.30am. Preacher: Mat Hussain
 Values: Loving Each Other.

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group
 Saffron Road car park, Higham
 Ferrers for car sharing
 9.35am, free admission, 01933
 387991. 5-mile walk from Mears
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Morning Worship
 Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars
 Primary School, Boughton Drive,
 Rushden NN10 9HX
 10.15am, Chris Youngman 01933
 551769. An informal church service
 open to all.

Rushden & Higham Ferrers
Churches Together in Prayer
and Praise
 Highfield Community Baptist
 Church, Highfield Road, Rushden
 7.30pm, Andrew Presland 01933
 316927. An informal time of prayer
 and praise.

Monday 20th January
'What every church leader
should know about singleness'
– a talk by Rev Eleanor Jeans
 Church House, Barton Seagrave
 Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars
 Primary School, Boughton Drive,
 Rushden NN15 6SR
 11am, free, Andrew Presland
 01933 316927. Organised by
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 Evangelical Fellowship and open to
 all. No need to book in advance.

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 Week 2: Who is Jesus?

Nene Valley Astronomical
Society Open Night with
Observing
 Chelveston Village Hall, Caldecotte
 Road, Chelveston NN9 6AT
 8pm, admission £3, including tea /
 coffee and biscuits. Kevin
 07731890594 or kevinburton07@
 aol.com. An evening for those new
 to astronomy, with observing if
 clear, and help and advice.

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 Thrapston Baptist Church
 10am-12noon. Friendly time for all
 to meet, chat, and share tea, coffee
 and cake.

Thursday 23rd January
Paint a Picture and Frame It
 Tansor Village Hall
 1.45pm-3.45pm, members £2,
 non-members £3, Jane Sanders
 01832 226495. Bring paper,
 watercolours and picture frame
 with mount board, D rings, cord
 and picture frame tape.

AFC Rushden and Diamonds
Quiz Night
 Rushden Town Bowls Club,
 Northampton Road, Rushden
 NN10 6AN
 7.30pm, £3 per person, maximum

6 people per table, Glenis 07870
 332606 to book a table.
 Raffle, retiring bucket collection for
 Cransley Hospice.

Tiddlers Group for 0-3 year
olds
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 9.30am-11am. Friendly and
 welcoming with lots of toys and
 play equipment for the little ones to
 enjoy. £1 per carer – as many
 toddlers as you like!

Friday 24th January
Fusion for 7-11 year olds
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 6.30pm-8pm. Lively and fun group
 with games, songs and bible-
 based illustrations.

Saturday 25th January
Calligraphy for Beginners
 Oundle Library, Glapthorn Road,
 Oundle
 10am-12noon, £30 for 6 sessions.
oundlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk or
 0300 126 1000. Learn how to
 develop your own calligraphy
 hand over six sessions. Fee
 includes refreshments and Library
 fee.

The Swivel Club presents
Typically Tina Turner & Band
 Rushden Town Bowls Club,
 Northampton Road,
 Rushden NN10 6AN
 Doors 7pm, tickets £20 available
 from Rushden Graphics Alfred
 Street, The Barbers Shop Wharf
 Road, Higham Ferrers or ticketline
 07738080470, or online www.swivelclub.org.uk. Karin Bello's
 tribute to the great Tina Turner
 along with her band and dancers,
 brilliant.

Sunday 26th January
Whitefriars Church, Rushden
– Morning Worship with Holy
Communion
 Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars
 Primary School, Boughton Drive,
 Rushden NN10 9HX
 10.15am, Chris Youngman 01933
 551769. An informal church service
 open to all.

All-Age Family Service
(with Communion)
 Thrapston Baptist Church
 10.30am
 Preacher: AA Team
 All Age Theme

RSPB Mid-Nene Local Group
Coach Trip
 Abberton Reservoir, Essex
 For more information and booking
 please contact Bob 01933 460644.

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th
February
Snowdrop Weekend
 St John's Church, Chelveston
 10am-4pm (Sat), 11am-4pm (Sun),
 free admission. John Eildred –
john@eildred.co.uk or 07929
 328827. Wonderful natural displays
 of snowdrops. Teas, cakes, soup
 and many stalls. Chelveston
 Chorus Sunday afternoon.

By Appointment
Counselling & Listening Service
 No 1 St Osyth's Lane,
 Oundle, Northants PE8 4BG
 Free service, Marilyn 07936
 015965

Housing, Benefits and
Employment Advice
 No 1 St Osyth's Lane,
 Oundle, Northants PE8 4BG
 01832 770010/
office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

Half-Term
All-age Touch Typing Club
 Mon-Fri, 9.30am-10.30am, learn
 or refresh skills, £15 course intro
 with coffee. Diane Gifford 07432
 123438



Every Monday
Stanwick Handbell
Ringers Group
 The Stanwick Village Hall
 7pm-9pm, 01933 623855, see
 website for more details. Everyone
 welcome, come and have a go.

Islip Ladies Choir
 Thrapston Church Hall
 2pm-3.30pm, Barbara
 01536 394431

Yoga Classes
 Denford Village Hall
 9am-10am, £4 per session
 Anita Hackney 01832 733274

Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club
 The Club Room, High Street,
 Titchmarsh NN14 3DF
 8pm-10pm, £1 inc tea/coffee,
 Kev Prigmore 01536 514023/
titchmarshfdc@gmail.com

Oundle Ladies Running Group
 Oundle pool car park
 6.45pm, Jane Walker 01832 27289/
janewalkercakes@icloud.com

Bounce and Rhyme
 Irthlingbrough Library
 10am-10.30am, free. A singing
 session aimed specifically at
 babies (or toddlers who are not
 yet walking).

Every Monday (term time)
Praise and Play
 St James' Church Thrapston
 1.30-2.45pm, refreshments
 available, Anita 735443

Engage Open Youth Club for
school years 7-13
 No.1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
 7pm-9pm, free of charge. Pool,
 Xbox, crafts, chat, milkshake.

1st Monday of the month
Finedon Irthlingborough &
District Branch Royal British
Legion Branch Meeting
 Finedon Bowls Club
 7.30pm, Peter Eames
 07434 328237

1st Monday of the month
(except May when 2nd
Monday)
Oundle & District Royal
British Legion Meeting
 The Talbot Hotel, Oundle
 7pm, Roy Sparkes 07904 463707

1st & 3rd Monday of the month
Oundle Rotary
 The Ship Inn, West Street,
 Oundle PE8 4EF
 6.15pm, Jane Grant 07712 933574.
 Bring your skills, experience,

enthusiasm, give something back
 to your community.

2nd Monday of the month
Thrapston & District Royal
British Legion Branch
Meeting
 Thrapston Town Council Centre,
 77 High Street, Thrapston
 7.30pm, 07876 716 478,
ibymes@britishlegion.org.uk

50+ Adventure Club
 For further information 01536
 505548/www.fiftyplusadventureclub.org. Adventure and
 social activities for the over 50s.

Royal British Legion Rushden
Branch Monthly Meeting
 Rushden Football & Social Club,
 Hayden Road, Rushden
 7.15pm, annual fee £17,
 Jake Baker 07525 441267

3rd Monday of the month
Higham Ladies Group
 Adult School, Westfield Terrace
 Higham Ferrers NN10 8BB
 2pm-4pm, 01933 387073. Make
 some new friends and have fun.
 Interesting speakers.

3rd Monday of the month
(not Dec)
Oundle Munch Club
 Oundle Primary School
 £4, call 01832 275353 to book.
 Come for roast lunch and pudding.

2nd & 4th Monday of the month
StitChat
 No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
 1.30pm-3.30pm, 01832 770010/
office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

Monday once a month
Woodturning Club
 Hardwick Village,
 nr Wellingborough NN9 5AL
 7-10pm, Paul Lawman 01933
 674260

Every Monday & Thursday
Oundle Bridge Club
 Fletton House, Fletton Way,
 Oundle PE8 4JA
 7pm start, 01832 273044

Every Tuesday
Bell Ringing
 St Mary's Higham Ferrers
 7.30pm, Bob Dennis 01933
 317648. Bell Ringing practice for
 Sunday 10.30am service.

Library Explore a Story
 Irthlingbrough Library
 10.30-11am, free. A story with a
 craft or songs – definitely fun and
 interactive.

Free and Friendly Health
Walks – Kings Cliffe
 Meet at the Ex-Servicemen's Club,
 Wood Road
 11am, Barry Hurcombe 01780
 471070. Explore the local area
 and make new friends. Open to
 everyone. Refreshments available
 afterwards.

Pensioners Club
 Rushden Hall
 2pm-4pm, Secretary David
 Robinson 01933 313729.
 Speakers, bingo and whist.
 All welcome.

Phoenix Gaming Club (Age 12+)
 The Rushden Scouts Hall, Brooke
 Close behind Orbit Tyres (Skinners
 Lane, Rushden NN10 OXH)
 7pm-11pm, membership £5pa,
 Aron 07739 563657/
aron.phoenix@virginmedia.com

Art Classes (10 weeks)
 Knuston Hall, Knuston
 7pm-9pm, 10 lessons £100,
 Jamie 07899 676769

East Northants Classic
Motorcycle Club
 New Inn Public House, Wymington
 Meet around 7.30pm

Sling Walk
 11am, first Tuesday of the month
 there is Sling Library at 10am prior
 to the walk. Second Tuesday meet
 at Rushden CC Hayway instead of
 Higham Ferrers. 01933 410112

Short Mat Bowls
 Saxon Hall, Raunds
 1.45pm-4pm, £3.50, 01933 623369

Yoga Class
 Whitefriars Infant School,
 Boughton Drive, Rushden
 7.15pm-8.15pm, £5 per session,
 Carole 07873 743256/
carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com

Ringstead's Jolly Good
Company
 Ringstead Shared Church
 10am-11am, £4. Music &
 Movement for over-55s.

IT Assistance and Advice
 Irthlingbrough Library
 2pm-4.30pm, free service for
 anyone wishing to improve their IT
 skills or seeking support creating
 CVs/looking for work.

Rushden and District
Photographic Society (RDPS)
Members Meeting
 Irchester Village Hall
 8pm, no admission fee - reasonable

yearly membership. Secretary 01933 624286. For anyone interested in photography. Includes talks, competitions and days out.

Every Tuesday (term time) Tuesday Tots

No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle 9.15am-11.30am, free, 01832 770010/office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

1st Tuesday of every month Great Companions (singles 55+) Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road 7-9pm, yearly membership £6, Pat Bazeley 07931 964360

Northamptonshire MS Society Meeting Barton Seagrave Village Hall, Bertone Road, Barton Seagrave, Kettering NN15 6WF 2pm, Stella Luck 01536 216135/northamptonshire@mssociety.org.uk

2nd Tuesday of the month East Northants Land Rover Owners Club Meeting Aviator Hotel, Sywell Aerodrome, Sywell NN6 0BN 8pm, free admission. Family friendly for anyone with an interest in Land Rovers of all ages. www.enlroc.co.uk

Woodford WI Meeting Woodford Sports and Social Club 7.30pm, Lynn Sortwell 01832 732740

Higham Ferrers Guided Tour Groups of 6 minimum. Trained guides. Tea & cakes, optional. 01933 411191

Nene Valley Ladies St Peter's Roman Catholic Church Hall, Higham Road, Rushden 2pm-4pm, 01933 355478. Visiting speakers and outings

2nd Tuesday of the month from 14th January 2020 Art Classes Chelveston Village Hall NN9 6AT 9.30am-3pm, £17, Janet 01933 389647/07599536813 Gina (January only) 01933 623855. Tutor by professional artist "Catherine". Beginners to improvers. All mediums. Free tea and coffee.

3rd Tuesday of the month Rushden and District Stamp Club Park Road Baptist Church Hall, Rushden NN10 0RG 7.30pm, Malcolm Whitehead 01933 350646.

Every Tuesday & Thursday Health Walks Stanwick Lakes 10am-11am, free, car park charges 01933 625522/ www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

Ladies Crochet Group Irthingborough 2pm-4pm, £10 per session Contact Ros 07722593637

Every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Partner Whist Drive Rowlett Close, Higham Ferrers (Tuesday & Friday), Windmill Club, Rushden (Thursday). 7.30pm, £2, 01933 313714

Every Tuesday & Saturday Coffee Mornings St James Church, Thrapston 10am-12noon, 01832 730019

Last Tuesday of the month Tea with Friends St Mary's Church, Ringstead 2pm-4pm, catch up with old friends and make new ones. Donations to church funds and charities.

Every Wednesday Rhymetime Irthingborough Library 10am-10.30am, free. A singing session aimed at Under 5s.

Pemberton Maid Marions Ladies Archery The Pemberton Centre, H E Bates Way, Rushden NN10 9YP Diane 01933 314032 or Glenda 01933 225057. Welcomes new and experienced archers.

Dog Training, Socialisation and Ringcraft Halefield, Woodnewton, nr Oundle Classes from 6.45pm, 01832 293432/oundledogs@aol.com/ www.oundledogs.co.uk

Rainbow Cafe for Tots Stanwick Lakes 10.30am-12noon and 1.30pm (term time only), £2.50 per child – car park charges apply. 01933 625522/www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

Club Night Apethorpe Tennis Club From 6pm

Returners to Work No.1 St. Osyth's Lane 10am-12noon, 01832 770011

Art & Craft Class Oundle Rural Mind, 1 Herne Park, East Road, Oundle PE8 4BZ Irene Issitt 01832 275020

Cambridge First Certificate in English The Old Town Hall, Market Place, Oundle 9.30am-12.30pm, £25pw, 01832 776336/info@antlerlanguages.co.uk

Jelly Babes Toddler Group Rushden Independent Wesleyan Church 9.15am

Walk and Chat Woodford Village, meet at Tigglywinkles Tearooms, 10b Manor House Farm, Addington Road, Woodford NN14 4ES 9.30am, free. Joe Bailey 01832 742195 or jebailey@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

Homework Club Irthingborough Library 3.30pm-4.30pm. For ages 8-16, access the library's resources for free and have assistance with homework.

Every Wednesday (term time) Community ICT Classes Needham Building, Oundle School SciTec, Glapthorn Road, Oundle 2.30pm-4pm, 01832 277267 to enrol.

Music Makers Prior Hall Park 11.15am-12noon, £4 per child, £2 for siblings. Booking essential. Contact Jenni at musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com

Tiny Tots Oundle C of E Primary School, Glapthorn Road 1.45pm

660 Club (Age 60+) Two Acre Club, off Milton Road 2.15pm-3.45pm. Afternoon tea and entertainment by Oundle pupils.

Every other Wednesday Psychic and Spiritual Awareness Rushden 1pm-3pm, 7.30pm-9.30pm, £7 per session. 07712 740495

1st Wednesday of the month Raunds Coffee Afternoon Saxon Hall, Raunds 1.30pm-3pm, £1 entry (includes

refreshments). Call 01933 622087 to reserve your seat. Meet new friends over tea & entertainment.

Raunds Ladies Group The Saxon Hall, Raunds 8pm-10pm, Visitors £3.50, 01933 622451

Home Instead Companionship Café M&S Café (Rushden Lakes) 1pm-3pm (times will change during school holidays), Marie 01933 678775. No booking needed.

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month Thrapston Country Dancers St Johns Ambulance Hall 2pm-3.30pm, G Hearnden 01933 622827/ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk

2nd Wednesday of the month Coffee Morning Raunds Methodist Church 10am-12noon, 01933 383378

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month Northants Model Makers Main meeting starts 7.30ish. First couple free. Bob Humpage 07960 054405/modelmaker@tiscali.co.uk

3rd Wednesday of the month Raunds Film Afternoon Saxon Hall, Raunds 2pm, £1 includes refreshments. Call 01933 622087 to reserve your seat. We show a great film each month, watch press for details.

Raunds & Dist' British Legion Conservative Club, Raunds 8pm, 01933 625333 for more details. You do NOT have to be ex-services.

4th Wednesday of the month Rushden Pensioners Forum St Peters Church Hall, Midland Road, Rushden 2pm-4pm, Mary Morby 01933 312476 or e.m.m@btinternet.com

Wednesday & Thursday Free Counselling No.1 St. Osyth's Lane Oundle By appointment 0793 6015965

Every Thursday T & C at St Mary's Rushden St Mary's Church Hall 10am-12noon. Tea and Coffee available to the community. No charge (donations accepted).

Raunds Bridge Club Saxon Hall 7pm-10pm, £2.50, 01933 624767

Health Walk Irthingborough Library, High Street 10.30am, irthlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk. Walk lasts an hour and then back for refreshments and a chance to chat.

Rushden Folk Dance Club St Mary's Church Hall, Rushden 8-10pm, first visit free, £2 thereafter, 07796 865537

The Silver Fox Woodturning Club Dale End Scout Headquarters, Croyland Road, Wellingborough 10am-1pm, £2 all members, Debbie 01604 751019

Move to Health No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle 2.15pm-3pm, 01832 770010/office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

Thursday Drop-In No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle 10am-1pm, 01832 770010/office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

Little Ducklings Pre-School Stay & Play 'Tea & Tots' Sessions

1.30pm-3pm, £1.50 per family. 01832 358085

Olde and Sequence Dancing Woodford Sports and Social Club 7.30pm-9.30pm, £2, Dorothy 01832 732534 or Keith 01832 731896

Every Thursday (term time) Music Makers Titchmarsh Pavilion, 9.15am-10am; Joan Strong Centre, Oundle, 11.15am-12noon, £4 per child, £2 for siblings. Booking essential. Contact Jenni at musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com

Little Treasures Tots Group St Laurence's Church, Stanwick 9.30am-11am, donations to cover costs, Nicki 01933 625658

Community Art Classes Oundle School Art Department 7.30pm-8.30pm, free classes for people with a disability.

Coffee/tea and biscuits in the Bede House St Mary's Church, Higham Ferrers 10am-12noon, no charge just a donation to cover costs.

Adult & Child Swim Sessions Oundle School Swimming Pool, Milton Road Oundle 9.15am-9.45am, booked in advance as a block (£4.75 per lesson) 01832 277208/277195

Alternate Thursdays Fettleline Afternoon Club Crow Hill Community CTR, Fettleline Road, Irthingborough NN9 5XF 2pm-4pm, £2 all ages welcome for tea, cake, chat and activities. Caroline Cross 07527530529

1st Thursday of the month Royal British Legion Friends & Companionship Support Group Athletics Club, Newton Road, Rushden 10am-12noon. Pop in for a chat.

1st & 3rd Thursday of the month Woodturning Demonstrations and Instruction Cranford Village Hall, Grafton Road, Cranford NN14 4JE 7pm, members and first visit free. Peter Bond 07483809637.

2nd Thursday of the month More Natter than Knit Mrs B's, Newton Hall, Rushden 10am-12.30pm, see facebook page. If you like to knit, crochet or would like to learn and natter, come and join us.

3rd Thursday of the month Ise & Nene Valley Turners Cranford Village Hall, Grafton Road, Cranford NN14 4JE 7pm, members free, visitors £5, Peter Bond 01933 741835/peterjbond@btinternet.com

Higham and Rushden U3A Wesleyan Chapel, Rushden High Street (Queen Street entrance) 1.30pm, visitors welcome (£3 charge). 01933 522934/ www.highamandrushdenu3a.org.uk

1st & 3rd Thursday of the month The Fettleline Afternoon Club Crow Hill Community Centre, Irthingborough 2pm-4pm, £2, Caroline Cross 07527530529. Activities, speakers, meals out and more.

Thursday Market Day No.1 Cafe - Free Drop-In No.1 St. Osyth's Lane 10am-2pm, 01832 770011

Every Friday Over 60s Club Bingo Working Men's Club,

Higham Ferrers 2-4pm, 01933 741286

Walk and Chat Rushden Hall Park, under flagpole 10am, Joe Bailey 01832 742195/ jebailey@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

Walk and Chat Meet at The Black Horse Pub, Nassington PE8 6QU 11am, free, Robert Phipps 01780 782558

Every Friday (term time) Playheroes: Learning Through Play Highgate Hall, Elton 11am-12 midday, £5 a session (multiple session discount). 07917 100690/playheroesinfo@gmail.com. Two teachers plan a range of interactive activities, linked to a weekly theme.

Sparklers – a 0-5s toddler group The Bridge Community Office at Whitefriars Primary School, Rushden NN10 9HX 9am-11am, £1 per family, Emma 07957 080074. A safe and friendly place for parents/carers and for their children to play and make friends.

Friday Once a Month Wildlife Trust Little Bugs Club Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre, Rushden Lakes 10-11.30am, £3 per child (intro rate), booking essential, 01933 779587/viktoria.marta@wildlifebcn.org

1st Friday of the month (Check before travelling) Craft Cafe Stanwick Lakes 10.30am-1pm, modest charge for some materials and car park, 01933 625522/ www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

3rd Friday of the month Raunds Tea Dance Saxon Hall, Raunds 2pm-4.15pm, £4 (50p for raffle) Mrs Wicks 01933 312623

U3A Meeting The Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston NN14 4PS 10am-12noon, £2 (visitors), free for members, includes refreshments. Guest speakers each month.

Former Carers Group No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle PE8 4BG 2pm-3.30pm, free, 01832 770010/office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

3rd Friday of the month (Check before travelling) Stanwick Stitchers Stanwick Lakes 10.30am, free, car park charges. 01933 625522 or Pauline on 01933 229817/www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

Last Saturday of the Month (not Dec) Farmers' Market Market Square, Higham Ferrers 9am-1pm danielle@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk

1st Saturday of the month Coffee Morning St Mary's Church, Ringstead 10am-12noon, 01933 624262

Thrapston Farmers' Market Thrapston High Street 9am-1pm, www.thrapstonfarmersmarket.moonfruit.com

2nd Saturday of the month Coffee 'n' Cakes Oundle Methodist Church, Drummingswell Lane 10am-12noon, John Hewitson 01832 272209

WE Watch Stanwick Lakes 01933 625522/ wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk

Oundle Farmers' Market Market Place, Oundle, 8am-1.30pm, Oundle Town Council 01832 272055

3rd Saturday of the month Phoenix Group Stanwick Lakes 01933 625522/ wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk

Messy Church Rushden Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden 4pm, George Ellitson 01933 313106

Every Saturday & Sunday Coffee & cakes/Sunday worship Rushden Independent Wesleyan Church (entrance Queen Street) Saturday coffee & cakes 10am-11.30am, Sunday worship 10.45am with children's activities. Messy Church every 2nd Sunday in the month 4pm, all welcome.

Every Sunday 2 Course Sunday Carvery Rushden Bowls Club 12noon, £12 per head. 07850 864537 to book.

Sunday Tea Fotheringhay Village Hall 3pm-5.30pm, £2.50 for tea & cake. Alexandra Mitchell 01832 226440

Morning Worship Rushden Mission Church, Wellingborough Road 10.45am, Alan 01933 355302

Morning Church Service Heritage Chapel, Park Road, Rushden NN10 0RW 10.30am

Ringstead Shared Church Service for all (Communion first Sunday each month), 10.30am Mike Freeman 01933 389796/ rbc-rsc@angeladavis.net

1st Sunday of the month Priceless – for young children and their families St Laurence's Church, Stanwick 9.30am-10.15am

Every 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday Pete's Pack (For children 3+) St Peter's Church, Newton Bromswold Bible based activities, 10am-11am Helen Lines 07917 001924

3rd Sunday of the month All Age Worship St Laurence's Church, Stanwick 9.30am

Leisurely, Sociable Strolls Pub start – if not lunching do not use pub car park. 10am for 10.30am start. Guests £2/join for year £8, secretary@northamptonshireshamblers.org.uk

4th Sunday of the month and Bank Holidays (not Nov-Jan) King's Cliffe Heritage Centre Bridge Street (Hanging sign when we're open). Open 2pm-5pm

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www.nannaanimalrescue.co.uk
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Proposed development at: Land adjacent 9 West Street, West Street, Stanwick, Northamptonshire, NN9 6QY

I give notice that Mr Lee Hulatt is applying to East Northamptonshire Council

For planning permission to:
Create pedestrian visibility splays, also passing place on land marked in red outline on drawing.

Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the council, within 21 days of the date of this notice, at:

East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northants NN14 4LZ.

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made by the owner* or tenant** to the Council about this application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations. Any owner or tenant wishing to make representations should do so at the earliest opportunity.

Owner means a person having a freehold interest or a leasehold interest the unexpired term of which is not less than seven years.

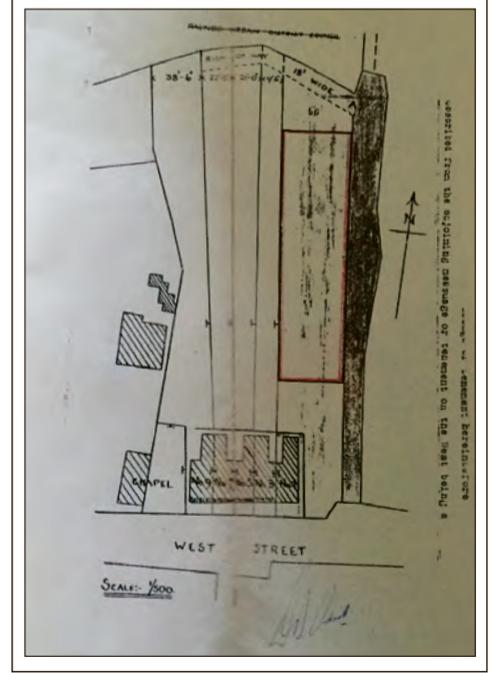
Tenant means a tenant of an agricultural holding any part of which is comprised in the land.

Signatory: Mr Lee Hulatt
Date: 11.01.20

Statement of owners' rights: The grant of planning permission does not affect owners' rights to retain or dispose of their property, unless there is some provision to the contrary in an agreement or lease.

Statement of agricultural tenants' rights: The grant of planning permission for non-agricultural development may affect agricultural tenants' security of tenure.

"householder development" means development of an existing dwellinghouse, or development within the curtilage of such dwellinghouse for any purpose incidental to the enjoyment of dwellinghouse. It does not include a change of use or a change to the number of dwellings in a building.



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (A6 STATION ROAD, HIGHAM FERRERS AND IRTHLINGBOROUGH; A6 HIGHAM FERRERS BYPASS, HIGHAM FERRERS; AND A5028 STATION ROAD, HIGHAM FERRERS)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC; TEMPORARY 40 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION & TEMPORARY 50 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding or exceeding 40 mph and 50 mph along those lengths of the various roads in Higham Ferrers and Irthlingborough as specified in the Schedule below.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during a major improvement scheme on Chowns Mill roundabout.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 3rd February 2020 and will continue in force for a period of twenty two months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 31st December 2020.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: as specified in the Schedule below.

Dated this 11th day of January 2020
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd
PKG/T20/036

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:-19-20-N352 on 01604 883400.

SCHEDULE

Temporary 40mph Speed Restriction

Road Name	Termination Points
A5028 Station Road, Higham Ferrers	From A45 roundabout to Nightingale Way
A6 Station Road, Higham Ferrers and Irthlingborough	From A45 roundabout to northern junction of Station Road (unclassified)
A6 Higham Ferrers bypass, Higham Ferrers (southbound)	From A45 roundabout to Stanwick Road
A6 Higham Ferrers bypass, Higham Ferrers (northbound)	From 400m south of A45 roundabout to A45 roundabout

Temporary 50mph Speed Restriction

Road Name	Termination Points
A6 Higham Ferrers bypass, Higham Ferrers (southbound)	From Stanwick Road to Kimbolton Road roundabout
A6 Higham Ferrers bypass, Higham Ferrers (northbound)	From Kimbolton Road roundabout to the start of temporary 40mph signs

Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic

Road Name	Termination Points	Alternative Route
A5028 Station Road, Higham Ferrers	From A45 roundabout to Nightingale Way	Use A6, Kimbolton Road and North End or A45, Northampton Road, High Street, College Street and North End
A6 Station Road, Higham Ferrers and Irthlingborough	From A45 roundabout to northern junction of Station Road (unclassified)	Use A45, A14 or A45, A509 and A14
A6 Higham Ferrers bypass, Higham Ferrers (southbound)	From A45 roundabout to Stanwick Road	Use A45, A509, A428 and A4280 or A45, A14, A509, A428 and A4280
A6 Higham Ferrers bypass, Higham Ferrers (northbound)	From Kimbolton Road roundabout to A145 roundabout	Use A4280, A428, A509 and A45 or A4280, A428, A509, A14 and A45

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (STATION ROAD, IRTHLINGBOROUGH)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Station Road, Irthlingborough as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Station Road, Irthlingborough from Waterside House Business Centre to Fitzwilliam House.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during signing and lining works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 20th January 2020 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use A6.

Dated this 11th day of January 2020
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd
PKG/T20/003

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:-19-20-N318 on 01604 883400.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CALDECOTT ROAD, CHELVESTON)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Caldecott Road, Chelveston as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Caldecott Road, Chelveston from Bidwell Lane to Higham Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of new water connection.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 13th January 2020 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Higham Road, Chelveston Road, Upper Higham Lane and Caldecott.

Dated this 11th day of January 2020
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd
PKG/T20/002

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:-19-20-N323 on 01604 883400.

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Proposed development at:
8 Pound Lane, Woodford, Kettering, Northants NN14 4ES.

Take notice that application is being made by:
Mr S Brown.

For planning permission to:
Change of use including internal alterations to first floor workshop (B1) to residential flat (C3)

Local planning authority to whom the application is being submitted:
East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northants NN14 4LZ.

Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application, should write to the council within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Signatory: Mr Jonathan Sidey
Date: 11.01.20

Statement of owners' rights: The grant of planning permission does not affect owners' rights to retain or dispose of their property, unless there is some provision to the contrary in an agreement or lease.

Statement of agricultural tenants' rights: The grant of planning permission for non-agricultural development may affect agricultural tenants' security of tenure.

'Owner' means a person having a freehold interest or a leasehold interest the unexpired term of which is not less than seven years.

'Tenant' means a tenant of an agricultural holding any part of which is comprised in the land.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, HIGHAM FERRERS, RUSHDEN, LOWER BENEFIELD, UPPER BENEFIELD, BRIGSTOCK, ASHTON WOLD, POLEBROOK, BLATHERWYKE, RAUNDS, RINGSTEAD, DEENE, WOODNEWTON, LILFORD & WIGSTHORPE)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & TEMPORARY NO WAITING AT ANY TIME) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding or waiting along those lengths of the various roads as specified in the Schedule below.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway works including patching, sweeping and lining.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 3rd February 2020 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the roads will be restricted for five days per site.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: as specified in the Schedule below.

Dated this 11th day of January 2020
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd
PKG/T20/054

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:-19-20-N372 on 01604 883400.

SCHEDULE

Temporary Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time

Road Name	Extent
Keswick Drive, Ennerdale Road, Cartmel Way and Hayden Road	Entire lengths

Temporary Prohibition of Traffic & Temporary Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time

Road Name	Termination Points	Alternative Route
George Street, Upper George Street and Newman Street, Higham Ferrers	From junctions with Simpson Avenue	Use Simpson Avenue
Hayden Road, Rushden	From Cornwell Road to Grafton Road	Use Cromwell Road, Newton Road, Oval Road and Grafton Road
Harley Way, Lower Benefield, Upper Benefield, Pilton and Brigstock	From A427 Benefield Road to A6116 Sudborough Road	Use A6116, Sudborough Road, Church Street, Stable Hill, Benefield Road, Causin Way and A427
Oundle Road, Tansor and Tansor Road, Ashton Wold	From A605 to Cotterstock Road	Use Main Road, Glapthorn Road, Cotterstock Road, Southwick Road, Oundle Road, Glapthorn Road, New Street, Market Place, North Street, Station Road and A605
Armston, Polebrook	From Armston Road to end of carriageway	None
Duddington Road, Blatherwycke	From Stamford Road to Kings Cliffe Road	Use Kings Cliffe Road, Laxton Road and Stamford Road
Laxton Road, Blatherwycke	From Stamford Road to Kings Cliffe Road	Use Kings Cliffe Road, Duddington Road and Stamford Road
Brooks Road, Raunds and Ringstead; and Denford Ash, Raunds	From Middle Road to Denford Road	Use Denford Road, Raunds Road, London Road, Brick Kiln Road, North Street and Midland Road
Kirby Lane, Deene	From Harringworth Road to Gretton Road	Use Stamford Road, Steel Road, Birchington Road, Gretton Brook Road and Gretton Road
Main Street, Woodnewton	From Oundle Road to Apethorpe Road	Use Oundle Road, Woodnewton Road, Main Street, Nassington Road, Fotheringhay Road, Church Street, Apethorpe Road, Nassington Road, Woodnewton Road and Apethorpe Road
Clopton Road, Lilford	From B662 to Wigsthorpe Road	Use Wigsthorpe Road, A605 and B662
Main Street and Wigsthorpe Road, Lilford	From A605 to 50m eastbound of Clopton Road	Use Clopton Road, B662 and A605

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (STATION ROAD, ASHTON WOLD & OUNDLE)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Station Road, Ashton Wold and Oundle as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Station Road, Ashton Wold and Oundle from A605 roundabout to Riverside Maltings.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway resurfacing works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st February 2020 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 7th February 2020.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use A605, Oundle Road, Barnwell Road, Mill Road, West Street, Market Place and North Street.

Dated this 11th day of January 2020
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd
PKG/T20/031

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:-19-20-N351 on 01604 883400.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, EAST CARLTON, ROCKINGHAM, GRETTON, HARRINGWORTH & CORBY)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & TEMPORARY NO WAITING AT ANY TIME) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding or waiting along those lengths of the various roads in East Carlton, Rockingham, Gretton, Harringworth and Corby as specified in the Schedule below.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway works including patching, sweeping and lining.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 3rd February 2020 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the roads will be restricted for five days per site.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: as specified in the Schedule below.

Dated this 11th day of January 2020
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd
PKG/T20/052

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:-19-20-W307 on 01604 883400.

SCHEDULE

Road Name	Termination Points	Alternative Route
Church Lane and Wire Lane, East Carlton	From A427 to Middleton Road	Use Middleton Road, Ashley Road, The Hill, Carlton Road, Middleton Road and A427 Corby Road
Gretton Road, Rockingham and Gretton Road, Gretton	From Lyddington Road to A6003 Main Street	Use Station Road, High Street, Corby Road, Gretton Brook Road, A6116 and A6003
Harringworth Road, Gretton and Gretton Road, Harringworth	From Kirby Lane north to Harringworth 30mph signs	Use Wakerley Road, Deene Road, Main Street, Bulwick Road, Laxton Road, A43, A427, A6116, Gretton Brook Road, Corby Road and High Street
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East Northamptonshire Council crackdown on illegal alcohol sales

The Licensing Enforcement team from East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) has been working with Northamptonshire Police Licensing Department to cut down on illegal alcohol age-restricted product sales across East Northamptonshire by conducting test purchasing.

A test purchase is when the Police, local authority or Trading Standards employs a child aged between 15 and 16 to visit a bar or shop and try to purchase age-restricted goods, in this case alcohol, to check that the law is being complied with. Test purchases can happen at any time that a premises is open and if a business fails a test purchase, it is likely they'll

receive another within three months.

Between 15th April and 30th October 2019, 28 test purchases were conducted across East Northamptonshire, with nine businesses failing. All the sellers who failed were issued with a Penalty Notice for Disorder fine for £90.

This operation has also resulted in three reviews of premises licences and one premises surrendering

its licence prior to formal action being taken, meaning no alcohol sales can take place and conditions being added to the licence.

Cllr Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council said: "These figures show, sadly, how common illegal alcohol age-restricted sales are in East Northamptonshire and we will continue to work with Northamptonshire Police to keep residents and, in particular, young people, safe.

"Unfortunately if a seller is found to have sold an age-restricted product to an underage customer, the individual is fined and may have to appear in court, rather than the business owner."

PC David Bryan,

Northamptonshire Police Licensing Officer added: "We would always recommend that Challenge 21 or 25 is adopted by businesses – this means that if the customer does

not look 21 or 25, then the seller must ask for a valid form of ID to prove the person is over 18.

"In addition it is always useful to have an ID policy, detailing which ID you

and your employees are going to accept. Typical ID accepted includes photo driving licences, passports, HM Forces ID cards and ID cards with the PASS hologram."

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"We are inviting the public to come along on the open day to see what we are able to offer. Whether you can pop in for

30 minutes or an hour, the day will offer activities and refreshments, a tombola and games – all proceeds or donations will go to the Day Centre.

"If not for yourself, you may know someone that would benefit from attending the day centre. Assessments are available on the day or an appointment can be made. Come in for a cuppa and have a look around our day and activity centre."

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To find out more about licensing in East Northamptonshire and to report any illegal activity, please contact East Northamptonshire Council's Licensing Enforcement Officer, Rita Groves on 01832 742241 or rgroves@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

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